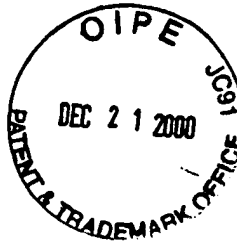


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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/604,739) : Group Art Unit: 2878
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For: CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM) : December 21, 2000
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METHOD, AND CHARGED-) :
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Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the U.S. Patents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the listed patents are also enclosed.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the cited information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

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